

SENATE BILL 2811

By Roberts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 53,  
Chapter 8 and Title 68, Chapter 14, relative to  
mobile food units.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-14-703, is amended by adding the following as new subdivisions:

( ) "Local authority" means an authority that is either a municipality, regardless of whether the municipality is a metropolitan government, or a county;

( ) "Mobile food unit" means a food service establishment that is designed to be readily moveable;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 14, Part 7, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A mobile food unit that holds a permit under this part and complies with this section and other applicable state law may operate on private property if the property owner, or property owner's designee, has given the mobile food unit permission to operate.

(b) A mobile food unit shall:

(1) Be maintained in good operating order, as applicable;

(2) Provide a marked waste receptacle for customers and request customers to use the receptacle;

(3) Collect, remove, and dispose of all refuse within twenty-five feet (25') of the mobile food unit's operating area at the conclusion of service;

(4) Submit and pass health inspections required pursuant to this part;

and

(5) Annually submit to and pass one (1) local fire inspection anywhere in this state.

(c) A local authority is not permitted to regulate or prohibit the operations of a mobile food unit on private property, except to enforce the health and fire inspections required pursuant to subdivisions (b)(4) and (5). This subsection (c) does not permit a local authority to require the mobile food unit to submit to a local fire inspection or obtain a fire permit, if the mobile food unit provides proof that the mobile food unit has submitted to and passed one (1) local fire inspection anywhere in this state within the past year.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.